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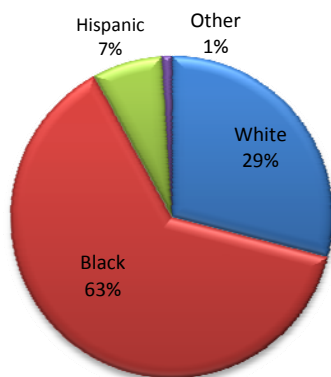
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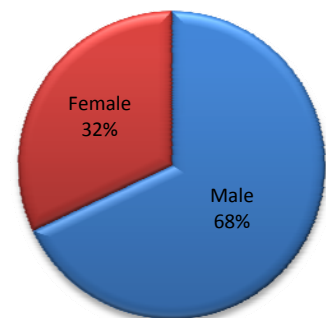
Populations Living with HIV/AIDS in Delaware

Race



Within Delaware, there are an estimated 3,390 people living with HIV or AIDS. Some populations are affected more than others. More specifically, males are significantly more likely to have contracted the virus, with 68% of the HIV/AIDS diagnosed being male. The Black population has been especially affected, -- 63% of Delawareans identified with the virus are Black, while Blacks comprise only 21% of Delaware's total population.

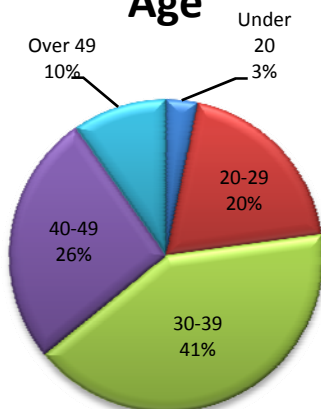
Sex



This makes Black individuals three times more likely to contract the virus than the overall average.

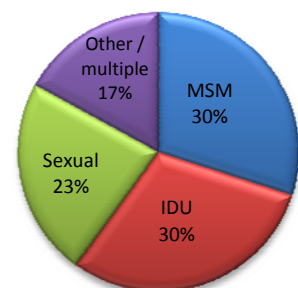
Looking at the age of those living with HIV/AIDS, it can be seen that the vast majority (87%) of those identified fall into young adult or middle aged categories. Only 10% report being 50 years or older and even fewer in teen and childhood categories, with 3% under the age of 20. Since the virus can remain latent for years before becoming active, it is not known at what age initial infections occurred.

Age



Three categories of sources are primarily responsible for 95% of cases (including multiple possible sources). Men having sex with men and intravenous drug use are equally cited as the source of exposure, with 30% of cases reporting one of these sources when a single source was known. Heterosexual contact was the third most common source, with 23% of victims reporting it as the source. Of the remaining 17%, all but 5% report these same causes, but with more than one possible source.

Source of Exposure



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